

HILLWOOD FOOTNOTES NEWSLETTER

From the desk of the Hillwood Club President....

On behalf of the kids playing youth REC soccer in the greater Shoreline area, I thank you for your efforts. Without the combined efforts of this entire soccer community the Hillwood soccer club would not be as successful as it has been since 1968. Through our collective efforts, kids from all walks of life have been able to experience "the beautiful game". My vision is such that once these "kids" leave our friendly confines and blossom into well balanced adults they will look back upon their youth soccer experience with many fond memories and positive life experiences. Please keep in mind, Hillwood soccer is just for kicks!

As we enter our 4th weekend of soccer, I'd like to remind folks that U8 and U9 teams will be playing in an Inter-City league this year toward the end of our season; we've teamed up again with our sister Club Shoreside from the eastern side of Shoreline. In the past, these age groups would continue to play a house league within the Club until U10. With shortages in teams within both Clubs we have decided to work jointly within the City of Shoreline to develop a more positive soccer experience for these age groups, and we can continue to build cross-Club friendships with our fellow Shoreline soccer families.

Families are again reminded to follow all school and park field rules about no dogs on the field on game day or during practices. Both Clubs have this priority rule in effect for the safety of all parties. PLEASE LEAVE FIDO HOME!

Many thanks to all of our Club and team volunteers as we march through our fall season. Without their efforts we would not be able to continue to provide cost-affordable REC soccer to the youth of Shoreline. Please remember to thank your team volunteer(s) when you next see them!

And as always, remember, Hillwood soccer is just for kicks!

D.J. Yasui, President, Hillwood Soccer Club
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PLAY ON

Parents and players

Stepping off the Turf

For six years now Jessica Rhodes has coached a group of twelve year old girls also known as "the Flame". They're a team who likes to gather both off the field as well as on. Whether on a hike, attending a college soccer game or hosting team building trust parties, Jessica likes to take advantage of opportunities in the community to strengthen her team's morale and camaraderie.

On Saturday, Sept 18, her band of yellow clad soccer gals participated in some volunteer work and team building with the Mountaineers Club. Wearing their Hillwood game jerseys, they helped the club prepare for the Seattle Outdoor Fest at Sand Point.

After stuffing give away bags, they participated in the Fest where they learned about endangered wildlife, made wooden boats, entered a raffle and tried out the rock wall. A paper model of the Elwha River had been built and the girls had a hands-on opportunity to break the dam which in reality was being chipped away for the first time that morning. They were even captured on film, sharing their perceptions and knowledge of the salmon project for a video documentary.

It was a good time for everyone, building trust, companionship and strengthening friendships beyond the field. Thank you to Jessica and her girls for representing our club in the community!

Raffle:

Support your local soccer club by purchasing a raffle ticket. Chevrolet and local Chuck Olson Chevrolet are sponsoring the Raffle for youth Soccer Clubs. There are some great prizes, including the grand prize of a Chevy Equinox or Cruze! 100% of the proceeds go directly to Hillwood Soccer Club field maintenance and improvements. The drawing will be held Dec 15, 2011. To buy your tickets, contact:

Toni McSorley (tonimcsorley@gmail.com) or
Lisa White (thewhites1993@gmail.com).

Volunteer Opportunities:

Club Treasurer:

After many years of being the Hillwood Treasurer, Pete Prekeges has decided this will be his final season. We would like to find a replacement now while Pete is available to give some guidance. A Quick Books Account has recently been set up. This is a volunteer position which can be done mostly from home. If you're interested or would like more information please call or e-mail:

Pete: 206-542-3353, prekeges@att.net

Sue: hillwoodsoccerclub@hillwoodsoccer.com

Adopt a field:

Do you live close to one of our soccer fields? Consider adopting a field to line prior to the games. We also need people to keep the goal nets after the games and bring them back to the fields before kick off the following week. Contact (name) if you can help out.

Hillwood Website:

Has your team received an award, won a tournament, have an interesting story, or an announcement to share with the club? Want to see your team picture on the website?

Visit the Hillwood Website for updates and information.

<http://www.hillwoodsoccer.com>

Email pictures and news to Ron Norton Hillwood Webmaster at:

Ron@a-tech.info

Reminders:

No Dogs On the Fields - Thank you for keeping our playing areas clean and safe

Game Schedules - U10 and above games are scheduled by SYSA. They are posted at: www.sysa.org

Recap of Footskills Clinic (U9/U10)

100 kids from Hillwood, Shorelake and SU Shoreline took part in the footskills clinic this August. There were four sessions held on Tuesday nights throughout the month. Proceeds went towards Lion scholarships as well as the general player development fund. Thank you to Bill Wilkins and his assistants from the FCS BU18 Lions, the reps from Tango and the Sounders Academy's "Hawaiian Guy"!

COACHES CORNER:

Game sheets:

New procedure for coaches of U9 and older – be sure to bring three copies of the Bonzi team roster with correct jersey numbers for the referees.

City Tournament:

U11 and above teams 2011 City Tournament registration is now open. for tournament information and registration visit www.sysa.org click on TOURNAMENATS/City Tournament in the left column of the page.

Jersey #'s:

Double check for duplicate numbers on your players' jerseys. Each player must have a different jersey #. We want to minimize confusion and help our referees out.

SHOUT OUTS:

Lisa White and Toni McSorley for taking on the raffle challenge

Bill Wilkins and his assistants from the FCS BU18 Lions, the reps from Tango and the Sounders Academy's "Hawaiian Guy"!

Toni McSorley and the Hillwood players and families that participated in the Shoreline Parade.

Patty and Richard Austin for ordering and distributing U10 and above uniforms.

Catherine Fitting for ordering micro jerseys and her friends who helped distribute them.

Jess Gobel and Phil Herold for lining fields and setting up goals for first games.

Josh Harrisking for sorting through and distributing soccer balls
Mike Bell and Kim Huntamer for facilitating the coaches meetings.
Micah Blair for completing the Micro game schedule puzzle.
Eric Strandberg for organizing practice fields and schedules.
Dave Reichgott for keeping Hillwood up to date on rules and regulations.
Jamie Holter for making sure all U9 games have referees.
D.J. Yasui for running the Micro referee clinic.
All the Board members, Coaches, Managers and parents who helped get the season off to a great start!
and...Carolyn Stoebe for graciously volunteering to write the Footnotes Newsletter :)

Congratulations to Eric Strandberg and the SYSA Fields Task Force who were recognized as this August's SYSA Volunteers of the month.

The time and effort each of you puts into the club pays off in positive experiences and happy memories for years to come.

Thank you!

More Information:

Hillwood website - www.hillwoodsoccer.com

Maps to fields - www.sysa.org

Coach and player clinics - www.sysa.org

Tournaments - <http://www.wsysa.com/>

Referee clinics - <http://www.wasrc.org/>